

A year ago, June featured students in all schools experiencing distance learning, a High School graduation at Lime Rock Park and various drive-by graduations at our Elementary Schools. Our work seemed to be a whirlwind of meetings, new paperwork to complete, and, by July, our first round of hiring new staff. A year later, the weather is nice, many people are vaccinated, and we are more comfortable in our roles as Assistant Superintendents. We hope everyone has great end of the school year, #FinishStrong.

Staffing

We continue to work our way through the hiring of new staff, scheduling initial interviews and teaching interviews for all candidates. The table below shows our remaining positions as of the end of May:

School	Position	Status
Kellogg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5 School Counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted
Cornwall		
Kent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTS Paraprofessional • 4th Grade LTS • 1st Grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted • Interviewing • Posted Internally
North Canaan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paraprofessional • Music • School Counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted • Interviewing • Interviewing
Salisbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish • 2nd Grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviewing • Interviewing
Sharon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Assistant- Kindergarten 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted
HVRHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math Tutor • Social Worker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted • Posted
Pupil Services		

We will not be interviewing new substitutes until after school is out for the summer.

ARP / ESSER Grant

Scott attended a webinar on the requirements for completing the ARP/ESSER grant. Lisa is taking care of some of the requirements; Jill and Scott will be meeting with principals and groups of stakeholders to have authentic conversations about what they perceive to be the greatest needs in the schools. As we complete the grant application (which is not due until 23 August 2021), we will keep the Boards of Education apprised.

Xello

You might remember that Xello is the program that we are using to replace Naviance to allow our students in Grades 6-12 to create and maintain a Student Success Plan (SSP) that is portable and can follow the student to the High School. We met with the representatives of Xello to discuss implementation and roll-out to the teaching staffs (particularly the counselors) at the schools. Our meeting focused on data transfer and how we will get our data into Xello's database. Both Mike Ellington and Amanda Kilian were at the meeting to ask questions and provide suggestions about implementation. Xello will be used at Lee H. Kellogg, Cornwall, Kent, Salisbury, and Sharon with students in Grade 6-8; at North Canaan Elementary School with students in Grades K-8; and at HVRHS with students in Grades 9-12. Xello has the capability to submit college applications and to track post high school data.

Professional Learning (PDEC)

We were informed that the State will be releasing information about possible changes to teacher evaluation on 3 June. We will be meeting with PDEC on 7 June to bring that group up to speed on the changes and to put together preliminary plans for next year's Professional Learning.

Summer Learning Opportunities

We have hired Rebecca Gaschel-Clark and Eve Davis to serve as on-site administrators, with Jill and Scott available during the day. We have commitments from about 70 students and Jill is in the process of working with Rebecca and Eve to move forward with our terrific summer learning program.

Jill has also created an asynchronous Summer Learning Program that includes activities from the State to keep students engaged and learning throughout the summer. This is especially important for students who are unable to attend the Summer Learning Program.

Kent Center School is in the process of developing its Summer Learning Program.

Summer Curriculum Work

Regionally, we have two main foci this summer for curriculum work: Social Studies and Counseling. Sue Palma and Carly Quiros from EdAdvance will be meeting with our 5-8 Social Studies teachers in June to determine priority standards and their wishes for the new curriculum (which will be based on Connecticut Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Frameworks). Our counselors will meet several times this summer to align their curricula with the Connecticut Comprehensive K-12 Curriculum Frameworks.

Additionally, we will be providing some training to teachers who will be using the Illustrative Math curriculum next year. Kellogg will be implementing IM in Grades K-8 and the High School will be implementing the IM Algebra 1 course in the fall. Because this program is very different from our traditional courses, we will be supporting those teachers throughout the upcoming school year.

Wrapping Up for Summer

Scott and Jill will be having end-of-year meetings with Amy Tepper and Mandi vanDellen. Amy will be working with us next year to help teachers and administrators transition to the revised *Continuum of Professional Practice* and Mandi will be working with our building and regional coaches to allow them to function in the buildings without the need for additional consultant support.

Dr. Mary O'Neill's Report

Here is this month's report from [Mary O'Neill](#).

Celina Huber's Report

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Respectfully submitted.


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